been advised to carry out special drives by the State Police to trace the persons and to review the progress of detection/deportation. They have also been asked to take the following steps:—

(i) Nomination of ACP in major cities, ASP in District/sub-division and Inspector in rural areas to deal with cases of Pak nationals;

(ii) holding of monthly coordination meetings by the District Magistrates/ Collectors with concerned officers and furnishing reports to the Chief Secretary for review;

(iii) Change of route is only to be allowed in very exceptional circumstances subject to verification by special Branch and timely advance intimation to the check post of entry.

World Bank assistance for upgradation of Roads and Highways

*16. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance is available for upgradation of roads and highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any such proposals for upgradation from the Government of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether World Bank has agreed to released requisite financial assistance to such proposals of the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Presently, the following loans from World Bank are available for upgradation of roads and highways in the country:

(i) Second National Highway Project loan amount US$ 306 million for improvement of about 290 kms. of National Highways sections in the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and West Bengal and reconstruction of six bridges on State roads in Orissa.

(ii) State Road Project Loan amounting to US$ 37.153 million for Bhagalpur bridge in Bihar.

(iii) Project Preparation Facility Loans for preparation of road project in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, amounting to US$ 2.4 million and US$ 1.4 million respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State road totalling about 650 kms. at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crores.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Involvement of Private Sector for development of National Highways

*17. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sectors have shown any interest in the development or maintenance of National Highways in the country; and

(b) if so, the nature and extent of their involvement?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Concession agreements for each of the following projects have been finalised with the private sector who would develop the facility and collect user charges:

(i) Thane-Bhiwandi bypass on NH 3 in Maharashtra

(ii) Udaipur bypass on NH 8 in Rajasthan

(iii) Road Over Bridge across Rail at Chalthan on NH 8 in Gujarat.

Setting up of Air Force Veteran's Hospital

*18. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Super Speciality Air Force Veteran's Hospital (SSAVH) is being